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SUBJ: REGULATION OF TUNA FISHING IN EASTERN PACIFIC

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PASS TO NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

1. EMBASSY OBTAINED INFORMATION REQUESTED IN REFTTEL FROM GOM  
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FISHERY REGIONS AS FOLLOWS:

A. MEXICO' S TUNA FLEET NOW FISHING CONSISTS OF 17 VESSELS,  
DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS - THOSE UNDER 400 TONS CARRYING CAPACITY  
AND THOSE 400 TONS AND OVER. ( NOTE: THREE OF SPANISH- BUILT  
BOATS DELIVERED TWO YEARS AGO, GENERAL RODRIGUEZ, 660 TONS;  
GUAYMAS, 250 TONS; AND MAZATLAN, 250 TONS ARE STILL NOT  
FISHING DUE TO OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS.)

B. ON RECEIPT OF IATTC NOTIFICATION OF MARCH 8 OPEN SEASON  
CLOSURE DATE, ADVISORY TELEGRAMS WERE SENT TO EACH GOM FISHERY  
INSPECTION OFFICE.

C. FISHERY INSPECTION OFFICES AT ENSENADA, LA PAZ, CABO  
SAN LUCAS AND SAN JOSE DEL CABO, WHERE MEXICAN TUNA IS LANDED,  
REPORT MONTHLY CATCHES, WITH SPECIES BREAKDOWN, TO MEXICO CITY  
#3-517-4534. WHEN 6000 TON LIMIT FOR VESSELS 400- TON AND OVER  
IS REACHED, THES BOATS ARE DIRECTED TO CEASE FISHING FOR  
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YELLOWFIN AND SHIFT TO SKIPJACK, WITH 15 O/O YELLOWFIN ALLOWANCE.  
WHEN 6000 TON LIMIT IS REACHED FOR SMALLER VESSELS ( CONSIDERED  
UNLIKELY UNTIL VERY LATE IN YEAR, IF AT ALL) SIMILAR ORDERS  
ARE GIVEN.

D. ARTICLE 13 OF NEW LAW FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES IS  
BASIC AUTHORITY FOR REGULATION OF FISHERY BY SUBSECRETARY FOR  
FISHERIES. ( DEPT. HAS COPY.) REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THIS  
LAW ARE STILL IN PREPARATION, EXPECTED IN TWO TO THREE MONTHS.

E. INSPECTION OF VESSELS AND TUNA IN PORT IS CARRIED OUT  
ROUTINELY BY GOM FISHERY INSPECTORS AND REPORTS MADE AS IN  
( C.) ABOVE. PROBLEM OF DETECTION AT SEA OR CONFIRMING POSITION  
OF INDIVIDUAL VESSELS HAS NOT ARISEN BECAUSE MEXICAN FLEET  
HAS CONFINED ITSELF TO IATTC REGULATORY AREA. IN EVENT THAT  
EXPANDED FLEET AND DISTANT WATER OPERATIONS REQUIRE DEVELOPMENT  
OF CONTROL MEASURES AND DETECTION CAPABILITY IN FUTURE,  
MEXICAN NAVY WILL BE EXPECTED TO DO SO.

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